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H.B. No. 1543

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to access to records that pertain to the testing for, and fitting and dispensing of, hearing instruments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 402, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 402.354 to read as follows:

Sec. 402.354. CLIENT ACCESS TO RECORDS. (a) A client of a person licensed to fit and dispense hearing instruments or of a hearing instrument fitting and dispensing practice is entitled to obtain a copy of the client's records that pertain to the testing for, and fitting and dispensing of, hearing instruments by making a signed, written request to the license holder or practice for the records.

(b) A license holder or practice may charge a reasonable processing fee for providing hearing instrument fitting and dispensing records to a client. The license holder or practice may provide the records in summary form unless the client specifically requests otherwise.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.